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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/744,846	Applicant(s) Moreau
Examiner Michael Borin	Art Unit 1631

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims 1-5 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

6) Other: _____

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

- I. Claim 5, drawn to pharmaceutical composition, classified in class 514, subclass 16.
- II-XXVIII. Claims 1-4, drawn to methods of treating various disease conditions, classified in class 514, subclass 16.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II-XXVIII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group II is the technical feature that links the method groups and composition group. Group II is not the contribution over the prior art because it is suggested by references teaching compound of formula β -D-Nal-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH₂. For example, Coy et al (US 4,853,371) teach pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula β -D-Nal-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH₂ or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt. See claims 1,3.

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Further, see references cited in the International Search report issued in the preceeding PCT case.

Therefore, the lack of unity is present because the linking technical feature is not a "special technical feature" as defined by PCT Rule 13.2.

The inventions listed as Groups II-XXVIII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.475, in an appliccation filed under 35 USC 371, Applicant is entitled to examination of a product, a process of making the product, and process of using the product, provided that claims are linked under Rule 13.2 by a corresponding special technical feature. The lack of common technical feature between the method groups and composition group has been demonstrated in the preceeding paragraph. Applicant is not entitled to examination of multiple processing of using the invention. The 28 patentably distinct disorder conditions to which claims 1-4 are drawn, are patentably distinct because they are not related to each other, have different mechanisms of development and etiology, and have different enablement requirements. The groups require different literature search and a reference teaching treatment of one disorder (e.g., sclerosis) will not teach treatment of any other disorder (e.g., gastrinoma or psoriasis).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, and the necessity for non-coextensive literature searches, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

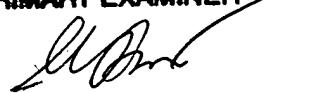
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Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Borin whose telephone number is (703) 305-4506. Dr. Borin can normally be reached between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. EST Monday to Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Mr. Michael Woodward, can be reached at (703) 308-4028. The fax telephone number for this group is (703) 305-3014.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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